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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): **Douglas M. GOUMAS**

Title: **PREFORMED BRACE FOR TREATING METACARPAL FRACTURES AND
METHOD OF TREATING METACARPAL FRACTURES**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and claims - 15 pages
(2) Three (3) sheets of formal drawings, together with transmittal letter
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Multiple Dependent Claims (\$260.)							
Foreign Language Surcharge (\$130.)							
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EXTRA	Total Claims	27	20	7	x	\$09.	= \$ 63.00
CLAIMS	Independent Claims	2	3	0	x	\$42.	= \$ 0.00
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- (4) Declaration and Power of Attorney form -- 2 pages
- a. Newly executed
 - b. Copy from a prior application
 - c. Deletion of inventor(s) – signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.
- (5) Applicant claims small entity status

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (6) Assignment document
- a. Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595
 - b. Copy from a prior application
 - c. Please include assignee information when this application is published
- Assignee:**
- (7) Preliminary Amendment
- (8) Certified Copy of Priority Document, together with separate transmittal letter
- (9) Information Disclosure Statement, together with PTO Form 1449 and copies of cited references
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- (12) Application Data Sheet
- (13) Other:
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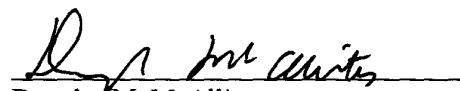
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- (15) [] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

- (16) [X] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/405,627 filed on August 22, 2002.

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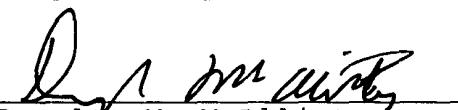
TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are three (3) sheets of formal drawings for filing in the above-referenced patent application.

Please advise the undersigned attorney if correction is necessary.

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